

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 12, as follows:

D2 12. [Once Amended] A method for lowering serum cholesterol in humans comprising administering to a human the combination of an essentially non-absorbable very high molecular weight sulfated polysaccharide having less than about 5.0 wt. percent of sulfated polysaccharides having a molecular weight less than 75,000 Daltons and containing less than 0.5 weight percent of inorganic sulfate and a second compound that reduces serum cholesterol levels.

Please add claim 17, as follows:

D3 17. [New] A method for lowering serum cholesterol in humans comprising administering to a human the combination of an essentially non-absorbable very high molecular weight sulfated cellulose having less than about 5.0 wt. percent of sulfated cellulose having a molecular weight less than 75,000 Daltons and containing less than 0.5 weight percent of inorganic sulfate and lovastatin.

Enclosed with this response is a copy of the pending claims marked up to show the above amendments. Also enclosed is a clean copy of the amended claims.

REMARKS

In this response Applicants have amended claim 12, and added new claim 17. No new matter has been added to the Application by way of any of the amendments to the claims. While not necessarily in agreement with the rejections made by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the claims to expedite review and allowance. Applicants also reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claim matter in later applications.

Applicants have added new Claim 17 to further clarify the present invention.